

# Ebenezer Happenings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Ebenezer Reformed Church  
Morrison, IL



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## Dear Friends of Ebenezer,

As we enter the month of May, we find ourselves living in the beautiful “afterglow” of Easter. The celebration of Christ’s resurrection is not confined to a single Sunday—it is the defining reality of every day that follows. Just as the earth around us bursts into life with the arrival of spring, so too are we reminded that in Christ, new life has truly come.

The Apostle Peter writes: **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”** (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3)

Spring gives us a living picture of this truth. What once appeared dormant and lifeless now grows, blooms, and flourishes. In the same way, the resurrection power of Christ is at work in us—awakening faith, renewing hearts, and calling us to walk in newness of life.

Jesus illustrated this beautifully in His parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1–23). The seed is scattered across different kinds of soil, but only the good soil receives it deeply and produces a fruitful harvest. This season invites us to ask: What kind of soil am I? Is my heart prepared to receive the Word of God so that it may take root and grow?

Or consider the risen Christ walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). Though they did not recognize Him at first, their hearts “burned within them” as He opened the Scriptures. That same risen Savior walks with us still—revealing Himself through His Word and stirring our hearts toward faith and joy.

“May” this month be one where we not only admire the beauty of God’s creation but also respond to the deeper spiritual reality it reflects. Let us be people who live in the power of the resurrection—growing, bearing fruit, and walking closely with our risen Lord.

As we move further from Easter Sunday, the temptation is to drift back into our routine and lose sight of the wonder we have just celebrated. But the risen Christ calls us to something more than remembrance—He calls us to abiding faith (John 15:5). May we remain closely connected to Him in this season—through His Word, in prayer, and in fellowship—so that the life of Christ is not only remembered, but clearly seen in us.

A Joy to Serve You,

## Sunday Worship - May 2026



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**Series:** The Book of Philippians, Part 3  
**Sermon:** “How Christians Should Conduct Themselves”  
**Scripture:** Philippians 1:27-30  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** The Book of Philippians, Part 4  
**Sermon:** “How To Be the Greatest”  
**Scripture:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** The Book of Philippians, Part 5  
**Sermon:** “Our Mediocrity Complex”  
**Scripture:** Philippians 2:12-18  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** The Book of Philippians, Part 6  
**Sermon:** “Two Shining Examples”  
**Scripture:** Philippians 2:19-30  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean



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**Series:** The Book of Philippians, Part 7  
**Sermon:** “No Confidence in the Flesh”  
**Scripture:** Philippians 3:1-11  
**Speaker:** Pastor J.T. Bean

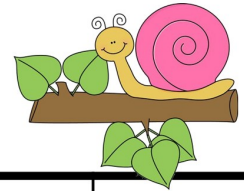
### A New Outreach Ministry... Coming Soon!

This summer, we are prayerfully exploring the launch of a new outreach ministry popularly known as “Dinner Church” (although we’re going to call it something different). The vision is simple yet meaningful: to create a welcoming space where people from our community can gather around a shared meal, build relationships, and experience the hope of the gospel in a natural and unpressured setting. Ebenezer Reformed Church will host and oversee the first Tuesday gatherings each month, while Emmanuel Church will lead on the third Tuesdays, all taking place at Odell Library. We are planning to begin very soon—our first gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>—and will continue through the end of the year as we evaluate its long-term impact and sustainability. This effort is made possible in part through anticipated grant funding from the UMV Network of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. As we prepare, we are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, setup, hospitality, and conversation. If you have a heart for outreach and would like to be part of shaping something new, we would love for you to join us in this exciting endeavor. Contact Pastor J.T. or a member of the O.M.E. Task Force if you have questions or would like to be involved.





# May 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. ↓					1	2 Men's Bible Study 7:30am
3 Mid-High Class 10:45am Youth/Ed Cmt. 10:45am	4 Church Life Cmt 10:30am	5 O.M.E. Task Force 3:30pm	6 Women's Bible Study 1pm 	7 Food Bank 9:45am All-Church Prayer Mtg. 6pm	8	9 Men's Bible Study 7:30am
10 Mother's Day 	11 Elders 6pm Consistory 6:30pm	12 <b>Mother-Daughter Banquet</b> 6pm Program 7pm 	13	14 Food Bank 9:45am Worship Team 5:15pm Exec Team 6:30pm	15	16 Men's Bible Study 7:30am
17 Mid-High Class 10:45am	18	19	20 <b>LADIES' AID</b> Ladies' Aid 1:30pm	21 Food Bank 9:45am	22	23 Men's Bible Study 7:30am
24 Mid-High 10:45a Mid-Hi 10:45am 31	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (Office Closed)	26	27	28 Food Bank 9:45am Church Staff Mtg. 11:00am	29	30 Men's Bible Study 7:30am

## May Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 5/1 Gerald Wiebenga | 5/11 David Behrens      | 5/21 Brayden Tichler |
| 5/3 Tyler Todd      | 5/12 Bob Wiersema       | 5/22 Pat Fuller      |
| 5/6 Joanne Peterson | 5/12 Pat Stuart         | 5/23 Halen Patton    |
| 5/6 Nina Damhoff    | 5/12 Tracie Heusinkveld | 5/27 Lesa Wiersema   |
| 5/7 Emma Allison    | 5/13 Neva Baar          | 5/28 Barb Geerts     |
| 5/8 Sophie Damhoff  | 5/15 Sue Scheenstra     |                      |
| 5/11 Abby Bush      | 5/20 Derik Damhoff      |                      |

➔ Please contact the church office to make sure your birthday is on our list.

♥ Also: If you are married, tell us your wedding anniversary.

## Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Doris Bielema will provide the program "Missionary Work with Intercity Children in Utah." Refreshments will be provided by Karen Price.

## Women's Bible Study

Please join us for a Bible Study the first Wednesday of the month (May 6th) at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our leader is Doris Bielema.

## Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study is open to young and old. We meet every Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible. Coffee and donuts will be served. We are currently going through a study of the book of 1st Corinthians.

## Mid-High Bible Study

The Mid-High class is for Middle School and High School students. We meet after worship around 10:45 a.m. most Sundays with Pastor J.T.

## Consistory Mtg.

Monday, May 11th. The Elders and Deacons meet separately at 6 p.m. The Consistory meets together at 6:30.

## Prayer Concerns

- Pray for those who need restored health, healing, and encouragement: Dave Weber, Jenny Patton, Neva Baar, Barb Geerts, Elmer Huizenga, Diane Boelkins, Jeg Weets. Pray also for those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests, as well as our shut-ins and nursing/assisted-living residents.

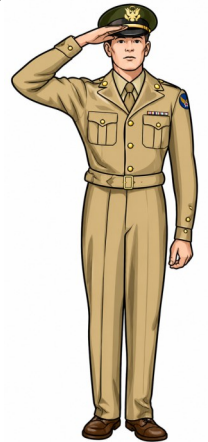
- Pray also for our military men serving in the U.S. Armed Forces:

**Elijah Bean** (Air Force)

**Gregory Bush** (Air Force)

**Tyler Haan** (Air Force)

**Brevin Pruis** (Navy)



- Pray for our missionaries:

Andrew & Sophia Pitcher with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Roger & Sue Scheenstra in Africa, Ben & Kelita Johnson in Honduras, and Jeff & Chelsea Lampen in Germany, Angel Lopez in Mexico, Joel & Seiko Lovstrand in Japan, and the Ryan Karp family with Chosen People Ministries.

- This month's all-church prayer meeting is on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00. It is also America's "National Day of Prayer". Please join us.

- Prayer is available after each Sunday worship service. There is always an elder there to meet in the prayer room to pray about whatever concerns are on your heart.

- Contact the pastor or church office to put a prayer request on the email "prayer line". Prayer requests will be sent out as soon as the pastor is able to do so.

## May Meetings At-a-Glance

Sun. 5/3 - Youth/Ed Cmt. 10:45 a.m.  
 Mon. 5/4 - Church Life Cmt. 10:30 a.m.  
 Tues. 5/5 - O.M.E. Task Force 3:30 p.m.  
 Wed. 5/6 - Ladies Bible Study 1:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. 5/7 - All-Church Prayer Mtg. 6 p.m.  
 Mon. 5/11 - Elders & Deacons 6:00 p.m.  
 Mon. 5/11 - Consistory Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. 5/14 - Worship Team 5:15 p.m.  
 Thurs. 5/14 - Executive Cmt. 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed. 5/20 - Ladies Aid 1:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. 5/28 - Church Staff Mtg. 11 a.m.

## Welcome New Member: Pat Fuller

On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Ebenezer welcomed Pat Fuller into fellowship as a new member. She has already been involved in many areas of ministry, such as: church library, building & property committee, silent auction fundraiser, etc. Welcome Pat! We're glad you're part of the Ebenezer family!



## Coming on Sunday, May 24th...

This will be a special Sunday worship service. It is Memorial Day weekend so we will be honoring all of our former military men and women who have passed away. But, we will also be having a baptism. Kaylee Renkes has requested to be baptized by immersion. Come honor our dearly departed as well as supporting Kaylee in her step of faith into the waters of baptism.

## Memory Verse of the Month...

**Philippians 2:3** - *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*

## Nursery Schedule

May 3 - Kevin & Shawn Soenksen  
 May 10 - Beth Milnes & Kinlee Prins  
 May 17 - Jackie & Alicen Wiersema  
 May 24 - Marilyn Tichler & Allison Weaver  
 May 31 - Jackie & Alicen Wiersema



## Sunday Greeters

May 3 - Kathy V & Mary Schaver  
 May 10 - Doris B & Barb D  
 May 17 - Alan M & Shelly M  
 May 24 - Marcia B & Deb A  
 May 31 - Harvey Z & Pat Z



## Welcome Center

May 3 - Michael & Marcia Blean  
 May 10 - Jon & Martha Kophamer  
 May 17 - Nick & Melinda Hamstra  
 May 24 - Verne & Pat Pessman  
 May 31 - Keith & Joyce Hamstra



## Tech Team

May 3 - Will & Jen Patton  
 May 10 - Scott Meurs & Phil Ardapple  
 May 17 - Gregg Wiersema & Todd Kullerstrand  
 May 24 - Scott Meurs & Jovie Patton  
 May 31 - Gregg Wiersema & Todd



## Fellowship Hour

May 3 - Jack & Susan Bland  
 May 10 - Mothers' Day  
 May 17 - Firemans' Pancake Breakfast  
 May 24 - Al & Shelly Meurs  
 May 31 - Ken & Glenda Jansma



## Bell Ringers

May 3 - Josh Gowan  
 May 10 - Jeff Weaver  
 May 17 - Nicholas Weaver  
 May 24 - Jefferson Weaver  
 May 31 - Doug Vanderlaan



## Missionary Spotlight

### Update from Angel & Janelle Lopez



This month our MISSION FOCUS is on Angel Lopez, an RCA missionary, who is serving the needs of migrants and the community at the border between El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. (Our support is a full RCA share of \$575/month). Angel and the Staff serve at a facility called Frontera de Gracia (Border of Grace), where sadly, the dreams of weary travelers coming from Mexico, Central America and other countries are now largely dashed as they reach a closed border at the Juarez crossing.

But, here is an exciting update from Angel that was received on April 28th—concerning Frontera de Gracia:

“Frontera de Gracia’s mission is simple but profound: To show hospitality in Jesus Christ to those waiting at the border. But, over the past year and a half, the border has remained largely closed, and the number of guests at Frontera has been minimal. This quiet time

has given us a unique opportunity to renovate our facilities. For the past six months, we have been praying, planning, and inviting supporters to join us in the Frontera de Gracia Renovation Project.

The response has been incredible! People have welcomed me into their homes, offices and coffee shops to hear stories of what God is doing at the border. Your monthly support has helped in our plans to prepare a safe, welcoming home for those waiting to cross, and our staff is privileged to play a part in that blessing.

At this point, we have raised approximately 30% of our goal of \$980,000! We are hopeful to reach 50% by the end of May of this year. And, we plan to begin the first phase of construction this July. This project is not just about improving a building—it is also about preparing for the future while continuing to meet the urgent need of improving our facility today.

A recent story reminds me why this ministry matters. Three teenage boys (ages 16-19), who were kidnapped had just been released from their captors and came into the community asking where they could go to find help. Neighbors told them: “Go to Frontera de Gracia Church—they will help you.” That very Sunday, they arrived during our service, and our church members welcomed them warmly. They offered their support in a desperate moment of need for them. This is just one of many hope-filled stories I can share with you—there are many more!

Though movement across the border may be quieter now, stories like this one abound and show that the need at our facility is very real. These needs challenge us to rebuild and strengthen Frontera de Gracia to continue to be a place of refuge and strength and hope—and a place where all people, whether local people in Juarez or migrants, receive the Good News of Jesus Christ!

As we move towards the next phase, our staff and I thank you for your ongoing support, which has been a blessing to us for many years. Your gifts help bring this project closer to reality and directly impact lives! We are grateful for standing with us in this work. God is good! And your partnership makes His work possible.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (1) That our facility will continue to provide a safe place for travelers, as well as for locals in the community to stay in safe surroundings; (2) That our church family at Frontera de Gracia will grow in numbers as we study and learn from God’s Word—and pray for our attendees to grow in their faith;

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**MISSION SPOTLIGHT** (Continued from page 6)...

(3) Pray for us to continue to serve as the connecting link and to meet the needs of those living with us, no matter how long—whether it be to find a dentist or doctor, or to serve as a chauffeur to take people to appts., or to shop for groceries and supplies; BUT MOST OF ALL— (4) Pray that we can meet the spiritual needs of the locals and the migrants who are staying with them for now. Angel states that “nothing is more powerful than the community of Christ working together and praying together for the border of Mexico and the U.S.!”

**MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH—**

Happy Birthday to Sue Scheenstra on MAY 15th. And, the Scheenstra’s will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on MAY 11th.



## Mother-Daughter Banquet

As you know, our church will be welcoming Mrs. Aubrey Krueger as our speaker for the “Mother-Daughter-Friend” Event on Tuesday, May 12th. We are looking forward to what she will share with us. Aubrey is from Oconomowoc, WI—but she also has a close local connection to our area. Aubrey grew up in Sterling, and interestingly, has an identical twin sister, Abby—along with two other siblings. She attended Sterling Christian School and graduated from Sterling High. Aubrey’s parents, Steve & Melody Munson, served the Sauk Valley Area for many years as pharmacists as they owned and operated The Medicine Shoppe in the downtown area. While growing up, she gave her life to Christ but would later rededicate her life to Him. After high school, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and studied Social Science & Dance Education. She enjoyed being on the university’s dance team. After graduating, Aubrey married Nick Krueger and the couple moved to Wisconsin. Together they excitedly awaited the birth of their first child, Sage. After her birth, Aubrey would face a 5-year struggle of one hardship after another. God saved her life through her terrible trials, and He is now using her in a full-time ministry for women, entitled RISE UP AGAIN. Its mission is to provide a voice and to share resources with those fighting mental health battles using movement as part of healing. They currently reside in Oconomowoc WI., and enjoy one other member of the family, their mastiff dog, Bowser! Banquet tickets are still on sale!



May 18th will be the final Heaven’s Express of the school year. We will take a break for the summer months and resume with a big kick-off again in September! Until then, kids will remain with parents in the worship service. Pre-schoolers can be taken the nursery.

## Giving & Attendance

Here's an update on our numbers for the month of April:

Date	Attendance	Offering
April 5	196	\$3,486
April 12	111	\$1,643
April 19	118	\$7,656
April 26	122	\$4,203
	<b>Avg. 137</b>	<b>Total: \$16,988</b>

### April Breakdown:

General Fund: \$16,988  
 Easter: \$1,690  
 Camp Manitoqua: \$200  
 Youth Fund: \$2,500  
 Organ Fund: \$4,090  
 Tithe.ly (online giving): \$2,344



**Total: \$27,812.00**

## Join the E-mail List

Stay informed of everything that's going on at Ebenezer: J.T. sends out a weekly **"Note From the Pastor"** as well as regular prayer chain emails as they come in to him. To get on the list, simply email Pastor J.T. and request to be added: [pastorjt@ercmorrison.com](mailto:pastorjt@ercmorrison.com)

## Note & Disclaimer

All *Ebenezer Happenings* article submissions need to be received by the 21st day of each month to guarantee inclusion in the next edition. We apologize for any missing or inaccurate information within this newsletter. If there are additions or corrections to be made, please call the church office at (815) 772-2472 or e-mail Sue Bond at [office@ercmorrison.com](mailto:office@ercmorrison.com)



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👍 Watch the Sunday morning Live-stream and post a comment to let us know who's watching and where you're watching from!

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### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

Worship Celebration - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour - 10:45 a.m.

Youth Bible Study Hour - 10:45 a.m.

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2026 Consistory

**Elders:** J. T. Bean, Phil Ardapple, Keith Hamstra, Melinda Hamstra, Jon Kophamer, Barney Habben, Sandi Wilkens

**Deacons:** Jenny Patton, Randy Renkes, Darlene Schipper, Brian Tichler, Dave Weber, Gregg Wiersema

2026 Executive Team

J.T. Bean (Pastor)  
Sandi Wilkens (Vice President)  
Dave Weber (Deacon Chair)  
Gregg Wiersema (Treasurer)  
Melinda Hamstra (Clerk)

**Elders Meeting Minutes** April 13, 2026

**Attendance:** All elders were present.

**Devotions & Prayer:** Pastor JT opened the meeting at 6pm with scripture from Philippians 1:3-11 followed by questions and prayer.

**Constitutional Question:** The constitutional question was asked and answered in the negative.

**Grieving Members in need of care:** None noted.

**Sacraments Update:** We served 32 in church at the Maundy Thursday service, with 6 at the nursing homes and 2 shut-ins for Holy Week.

**Membership request:** Pat Fuller met with the Elders as a request to join the church. We went over the Profession of Faith Questions for membership with her and she answered all questions in the positive. **M/S to approve Pat for Membership M/C**

**Baptism request:** Kayla Renkes

**Membership Care Groups:** Reminder to review assigned care group and make proper contacts as needed.

**Elder Prayer Room Assignments:** Reminder to review assigned dates for prayer room.

**Approve Minutes from March Meeting: M/S to approve minutes M/C**

**Next meeting:** May 11th @ 6pm

**Motion to Adjourn: M/S to adjourn after closing in prayer M/C**

**Closing Prayer:** Keith Hamstra closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Hamstra, Clerk

**Consistory Meeting Minutes** April 13, 2026

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Absent were Randy Renkes and Gregg Wiersema.

**Devotions & Prayer:** Pastor J.T. opened the meeting with devotions from Philippians 1:3-11, followed by discussion and prayer.

**Pastor's Report:** The church hosted a well-attended Father/Son banquet, strengthening family and church relationships. The Lenten Lunches in the community provided outreach and local church participation. We will continue to have monthly prayer meetings held the second Tuesday of the month. This has had steady participation and meaningful engagement. (One exception: May's prayer meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday because of the Mother-Daughter Banquet). The FCA from Morrison HS watched "The Passion of the Christ" here at church which provided gospel-centered engagement for the students. Pastor J.T. has been attending the school bible studies with the students and building relationships and sharing Scripture with the youth. He visited the nursing homes and ministered to the elderly and shut-ins Maundy Thursday. The Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Communion service was a meaningful time of reflection and humility, teaching us we should serve others as Christ has served us! Easter Sunday there was a strong engagement with clear proclamation of the resurrection. There was 196 in attendance! Praise the Lord! Pastor J.T. successfully completed the "Famous Last Words" sermon series.

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## Consistory Meeting Minutes (Continued)...

He is helping in making plans for an evangelistic Dinner Church initiative in cooperation with Emmanuel Church. This is with hopes of reaching those who are not church goers but providing a meal and the Gospel in a way that is comfortable for the unchurched. He also just got back from a week of rest and renewal visiting family in Ohio.

Vision moving forward: We are aiming to build a church that is both deeply rooted in the truth of God's Word and actively reaching our community—raising up mature disciples while creating clear, intentional pathways for new people to hear and respond to the gospel.

**Where have we seen God at work at ERC?** -Great Easter Service -Silent Auction raised \$3,500 for the organ fund and we are getting closer to our goal -Maundy Thursday foot washing service was a humbling event -FCA event bringing kids to the church was well attended -All committee members are working together as a team!

**Elders Report:** Melinda (see Elders minutes)

**Deacons Report:** No report as they did not meet

**Finance:** Dave reviewed the finance/budget report as of March 2026 **M/S to Approve Financial Report/Budget MC**

**Building/Property:** The parking lot work will be starting soon. It will be done in phases so that there will not be any interruption with Sunday services. It was noted there is a sinkhole at the Parsonage #2 which is being addressed and fixed. The screened in porch on the Pastors parsonage will be converted to a four-seasons room and there will be an installation of security cameras to the house as well.

**Church Life:** They are currently working on the Mother/Daughter banquet, ironing out all the details.

**Worship/Music:** Palm Sunday kids parade and waving of palm branches during praise time was good to see. Maundy Thursday, women to wash the women's feet in the quilting room and the men were to use the hallway by the fellowship hall. This was accepted well with participation from all. Easter Sunday was very well attended and participation of everyone was exciting to see. May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mothers Day. May 24<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day Sunday. Graduate Recognition – Sue will put an announcement in the bulletin starting April 19<sup>th</sup> to gather names of students graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School, College or a Trade School. Organ Fundraising - a recent donation of \$6,300 was received. Once organ is installed, we need to keep the organ a relevant part of worship since so much has gone into it from donations. We would still like to do a community hymn sing after installation of the new organ. Blended music – it was decided that we need to repeat songs more often in order for them to be learned. Craig is to meet with William to set up microphones for the praise team for better sound quality. Kayla Sipes has volunteered to learn the multi media portion of the Sound System/Multi Media on Sundays. This will help with the fourth Sunday rotation.

**Youth/Education:** The summer Water Fun Day is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm. This year we will be have a giant blow up water slide along with water balloons, dunk tank, and the fire truck. It was also discussed to have Kick Ball again this summer for the kids on Wednesday nights. Camp Manitoqua is right around the corner July 13-17. VBS will be held at Emmanuel Church this year August 3-7. We also will be needing a list of names of graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school so we know how many gifts we need.

**Assistance/Memorial:** There is \$4811.99 in our assistance fund and the memorial fund has a \$0 balance as that money was transferred to the organ fund per the request of the Vandermyde family.

**Sacraments:** We served 32 in church at the Maundy Thursday service, with 6 at the nursing homes and 2 shut-ins for Holy Week.

**O.M.E. Task Force:** They are meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> with Emmanuel Church to discuss how to progress with the Supper Fellowship plans.

**Approve minutes: M/S to approve March Meeting minutes. MC**

**Old Business:** -UMV Annual Network Gathering – June 12-13 in Sully, IA.

- ARC Gathering 2026 – Aug 19-21 in Zeeland, MI (For these events go to [www.ARC21.org](http://www.ARC21.org) for more information on details and cost.)

- Organ fundraising update going very well getting closer to our goal

**New Business:** -Baptism tank will need help with setting it up for upcoming baptism.

- Consistory members need to sign up for Monday morning meetings with Pastor J.T. and Sandi

**Next Meeting:** Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment: M/S to Adjourn post prayer. MC**

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor J.T. closed in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Hamstra, Clerk